

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 974

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A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of Michael H. Ellis of Jonesborough to the Tennessee public utility commission.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 65-1-101, creates the Tennessee public utility commission; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 65-1-101(a), provides that two (2) commissioners of the Tennessee public utility commission shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, Speaker of the House Cameron Sexton has appointed Michael H. Ellis of Jonesborough to serve as a member of the Tennessee public utility commission for a term that will expire on June 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ellis retired in September 2017 after thirty-seven years of distinguished service to the gas industry; and

WHEREAS, a valuable employee of Atmos Energy for many years, Mr. Ellis finished his career as the company's vice president for operations, working diligently to ensure system safety and reliability and regulatory compliance and providing leadership in budget control and customer service; and

WHEREAS, deeply committed to his profession, Mr. Ellis served as president of the Tennessee Gas Association (TGA) in 2007 and was honored with the TGA Silver Flame Award in 2010; he was also a member of the TGA board of directors and the Southeastern Gas Association; and

WHEREAS, after he received his associate degree from Hiwassee College in 1977, Mr. Ellis's college education was interrupted by personal and professional concerns when he was

only a few credit hours shy of graduating; however, he persevered to complete his Bachelor of Science degree at East Tennessee State University in 2003; and

WHEREAS, his many professional milestones aside, Michael Ellis is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife of forty-two years, the former Regenia Barnett, and their three sons and three grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 65-1-101(d), provides that each appointment to the commission shall be confirmed by joint resolution of the General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we confirm the appointment of Michael H. Ellis of Jonesborough to serve as a member of the Tennessee public utility commission for a term to expire on June 30, 2026.